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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that some Muslim residents of Kozhikode wanted to stage a black flag demonstration against the Muslim League leaders when they arrived in Kozhikode and for the purpose of preventing such a democratic demonstration by the rank and file of the Muslim League that this order under Section 144 was promulgated? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With regard to the intended black flag demonstration, perhaps the hon. Member seems to know much about it. But, as far as we are concerned, we wanted to maintain order in that place, especially because of the firing which took place on 28th March 1954. It is only in pursuance of that, a prohibitory order was issued."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that certain parties interested in creating trouble attempted to take out processions in Kozhikode to create Hindu-Muslim hatred? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I know that certain parties were interested in creating trouble between Hindus and Muslims and exploiting the same."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether anything happened after the Naduvattam incident just before the order was promulgated to necessitate the same or whether it was not promulgated just to oblige the Muslim League as suggested by me? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The fact that nothing happened cannot be taken into account and it cannot be said that the order should not have been issued."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of what is stated by the Hon. Minister, viz., that the order was issued after the Naduvattam firing incident to prevent communal clashes, may I know whether the Government have not acted unwisely in allowing the Muslim League alone to hold their conference? Is it not unwise on their part to have done so? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. This meeting was organized long before. Not only that. They agreed to hold the meeting inside an enclosed place, that is, within the precincts of an enclosed place. They also gave an assurance that nothing would happen which would incite any communal tension. Only after taking necessary undertakings and after seeing that they would be observed, this permission was given."

Overtime work in Government Press, Madras.

* 1293 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to unstarred question No. 6, dated 19th March 1954, the necessity for the overtime work mentioned therein?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The work in the Government Press has increased appreciably in recent years, and in spite of the additional machinery installed, production has not been able to keep pace with the receipt of work. Over and above the normal work, additional and urgent work in the shape of the production of District-wise pamphlets, pamphlets on the Five-Year Plan, Election material, Census Handbook for both State and Central Governments, Commercial Directory, etc., was received and had to be executed within a specified period. This has been the cause for the overtime work. Generally when the work is very urgent and is to be completed within a specified date and if such work cannot be completed during the normal working hours, overtime work is resorted to."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, it has been pointed out on the floor of the House a number of times that the Government Press workers were affected by tuberculosis through lead poisoning as a result of their doing overtime work. Will the Government drop this system of ' overtime work ' and give the work to presses outside? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has not yet been established that the workers were affected by lead poisoning and they got tuberculosis by doing overtime work. I have not got any information from the Controller to that effect. As a matter of fact, the Controller has reported in that connexion that it is the overtime work that makes labour in the Government Press stick to their job and attend the Press regularly and if the scope of this system of overtime work was taken away, service in the Press will become unattractive and it may possibly lead to their leaving the Press and joining private presses."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" அரசாங்க அச்சகத்தில் வேலை அதிகமாக இருந்தால், அதாவது அங்கு இருக்கும் ஊழியர்கள் அதிகவேலை செய்வதாயிருந்தால் என் அதிகமான ஆட்களை அமர்த்தலாகாது ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is a different problem and I have to get it examined."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether the workers who do overtime work are paid extra allowance? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" From the copies of medical reports of the various Government Hospitals, it is seen that the patients who come from the Government Press are in many cases affected by tuberculosis. I think a unit of the X-ray is sent to the Press periodically. It will be seen therefrom that many of the workers are affected by tuberculosis as a result of lead poisoning.

In view of this, may I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of dropping the system of giving overtime work to the labourers of the Government Press and give the extra work to private presses outside? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that it has not been established that they were affected by tuberculosis by doing overtime work. In this connexion, I may state that for the benefit of the rehabilitated ex-tuberculosis patients who are in the Amirthnagar Colony at Tambaram, a suggestion has been made that a Press should be established there. This is what the Governor himself has suggested to me. The medical authorities have also suggested the same thing. So it cannot be said that they are affected by tuberculosis by doing overtime work in the Government Press. Of course, the hon. Member may perhaps plead the cause of the private presses who are clamouring that they should be given some work. Anyhow, I shall have the entire question examined. We are at present trying to do the best to our labour."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Apart from the advisability of giving the work to private presses for which I am not pleading, may I draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to the medical report issued by the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram, which categorically states that the patients who come from the Government Press, Madras, are suffering from tuberculosis due to lead poisoning? This is the categorical statement contained in the report. Will the Hon. Minister look into the matter and revise his opinion? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no knowledge of that. In view of what the hon. Member has said, I shall, however, call for the report and examine it."

Road works under the Village Communications Scheme in Udaiyarpalayam taluk.

* 1294 *Q.*—Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state— 9–40 a.m.

(*a*) the names of new road works proposed to be undertaken under the Village Communications Scheme in Udaiyarpalayam taluk in the Five-Year period, 1953–58; and

(*b*) the authority who is empowered to select these new works?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The National Five-Year Plan commenced with the year 1951–52 and will end in 1955–56. A statement[a] showing the names of the works included in this plan in respect of Udaiyarpalayam taluk is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 591–592 infra.**